



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

October 2014

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

For the first ten months of 2014, a substantial reduction of 14% has been recorded for serious crime in Cambridge. There have been 398 fewer Part One crimes reported in the city from January to the end of October when compared with the same time frame in 2013. When measured against the five-year average, a pronounced 18% decline in Part One crime has been registered.

Further analysis of crime totals so far in 2014 reveals that the property crimes of burglary & larceny continue to be the key indicators and the main reasons behind the overall descending decline of serious crime. **The index crime of Burglary has fallen 30% and a 13% cut in the total of Larcenies has been reported.** Larceny from the person (-35%), larceny from motor vehicles (-25%), and housebreaks (-32%) are the categories of incident types fueling the declining crime numbers.

The 65% increase in violent crime from August to September of 2014 was quickly followed with a 31% decrease in October with robbery falling from 11 incidents the previous month to 3 incidents for the first month of the fourth quarter.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	9/9-10/6	10/7-11/3	Change	2013	2014	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	32	22	-31%	298	254	-15%	345	-26%
Total Property Crime	249	251	1%	2489	2135	-14%	2580	-17%
Total Part I Crime	281	273	-3%	2787	2389	-14%	2925	-18%



Part I Property Crime

Analysis of property crime totals for the first ten months of 2014 shows a 14% decline when measured against the 2013 totals and a 17% reduction below the five-year average. The only property crime categories to register increases so far this year are small rises in auto theft, larcenies from residences, and larcenies of license plates. Eight of the twelve indexes associated with property crimes are in the green (on the decline) so far in 2014.

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	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	9/9-10/6	10/7-11/3	Change	2013	2014	Change	Avg	Change
Burglary	16	23	44%	335	235	-30%	389	-40%
Commercial Break	2	4	100%	51	43	-16%	63	-32%
Housebreak	14	19	36%	284	192	-32%	326	-41%
Larceny	222	215	-3%	2060	1784	-13%	2075	-14%
Larceny (Misc)	8	5	-38%	18	38	111%	25	52%
Larceny from Building	34	26	-24%	328	304	-7%	322	-6%
Larceny from MV	55	67	22%	557	419	-25%	589	-29%
Larceny from Person	18	23	28%	292	190	-35%	283	-33%
Larceny from Residence	22	25	14%	155	185	19%	167	11%
Larceny of Bicycle	43	25	-42%	349	305	-13%	336	-9%
Larceny of Plate	1	3	200%	19	23	21%	29	-21%
Larceny of Services	3	1	-67%	18	13	-28%	19	-32%
Shoplifting	38	40	5%	324	307	-5%	305	1%
Auto Theft	11	13	18%	94	116	23%	117	-1%
Total Property Crime	249	251	1%	2489	2135	-14%	2580	-17%



Part I Violent Crime

The five-year weighted average for violent crime in Cambridge for the first ten months of the year is 345 incidents. From January 1st to November 3rd of 2014, there were 254 violent crimes recorded in the City, 44 incidents below last year (-15%) and 91 violent crimes under the total forecast for the first ten months of 2014 (-26%).

Street robbery has dropped an unanticipated 49% when compared with 2013 and an extraordinary 56% when measured against the five-year weighted average, with no spatial or temporal patterns identified so far in 2014. Not one street robbery was reported on a weekend night the entire summer of 2014 in Cambridge. Aggravated assaults have declined 8%, with 13 fewer incidents tallied for the first ten months of the year.

	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	9/9-10/6	10/7-11/3	Change	2013	2014	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	2	2	0%	1	100%
Rape	2	4	100%	21	28	33%	24	17%
Robbery	11	3	-73%	104	66	-37%	115	-43%
Commercial Robbery	4	1	-75%	24	25	4%	21	19%
Street Robbery	7	2	-71%	80	41	-49%	94	-56%
Aggravated Assault	19	15	-21%	171	158	-8%	205	-23%
Total Violent Crime	32	22	-31%	298	254	-15%	345	-26%



MURDER

No Patterns

- Kensley David, 22, suffered a single gunshot wound to the head after a shooting on Windsor Street in Cambridge around 10 p.m. on July 3rd. It was the second homicide of 2014 in Cambridge. Investigators believe that the incident was not random. Cambridge police, State Police, and the District Attorney's office urge anyone with information about the shooting to contact authorities.
- The first murder of 2014 involved Malia Gomez, 40, of 396 Putnam Ave, who has been charged in the death of Dana Robinson. Gomez admitted to stabbing Robinson following an argument on February 2nd. Robinson died at Beth Israel Hospital and Gomez was charged with armed assault with the intent to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon causing serious bodily injury. On April 1st, 2014, Malia Gomez was indicted on First Degree Murder.
- The date for the murder trial of Irish nanny Aisling Brady McCarthy has been postponed until January of 2015 due to delays involving evidence. McCarthy is on trial for the January 15th of 2013 murder of Rehma Sabir in Cambridge .

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

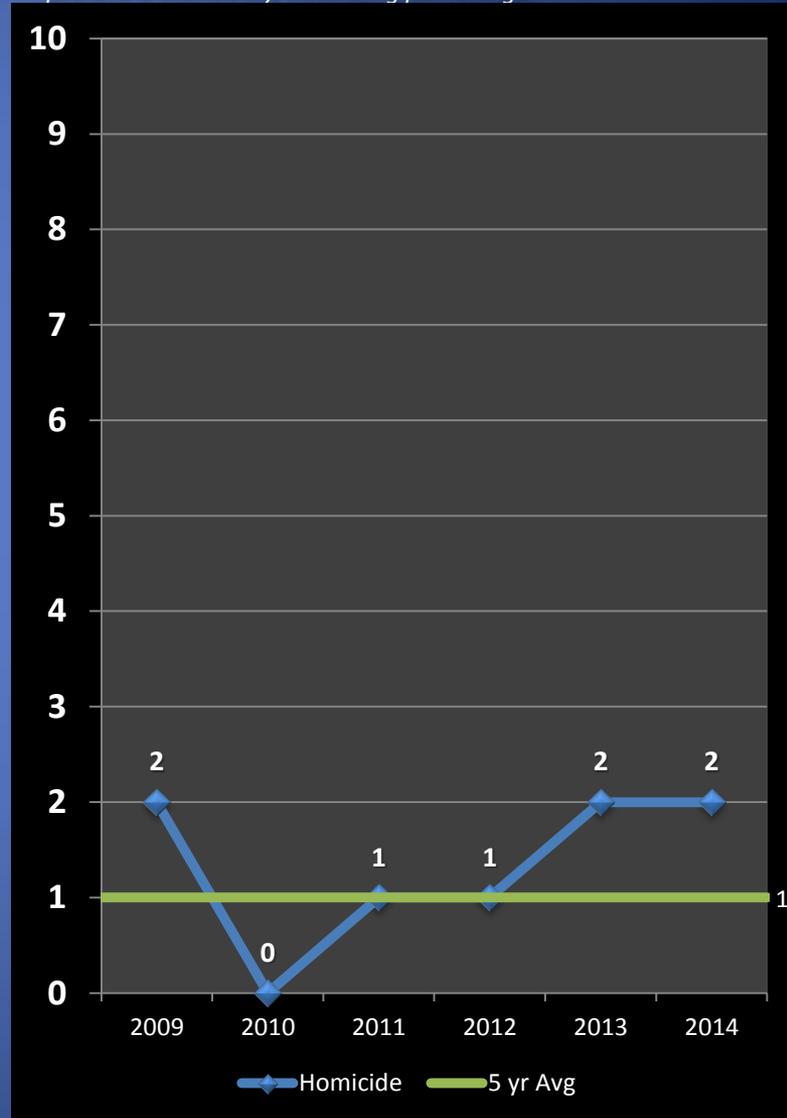
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Previous Year

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Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2013

Colin Burton, 30, of Dorchester, was shot and killed outside of Hi - Fi Pizza on Mass Ave in Central Square on September 18th, 1999. Burton was talking with the occupants of a Ford Explorer when the subject in the passenger seat fired through the window. Two suspects fled the scene. The case remains under active investigation.



September 18, 1999, Mass Ave



April 5, 2002, Mass Ave

Ian Gray, 19, of Mattapan, was in an argument outside of the Rhythm & Spice restaurant that spilled out onto Mass Ave. A suspect that had left the scene returned with a group of people and a fight ensued. A knife was produced during the altercation and four gunshots were fired, fatally wounding Gray. This case remains open.

On June 17th, 2002 at 7:00PM, **Ricardo Williams**, 27, of Malden, was found in the driver's seat of a motor vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound to his face. Williams was taken to CCH where he was pronounced dead. This case remains open.



June 17, 2002, Windsor St.

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to contact CPD at 617-349-3370.



Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2013

Jason Ellcock, 33, of Malden, formerly of Cambridge and father of three, was found with multiple gunshot wounds in front of the driveway to 364 Rindge Ave at 3:05 AM on the night of June 16th, 2009. He was pronounced dead at the scene. This incident remains under investigation.



June 16, 2009, Rindge Ave



March 12, 2011, Brookline St.

James Lauture, 30, of Cambridge, was sitting in a vehicle near Brookline and Watson Streets just after midnight on Saturday, March 12th, 2011, when an unknown gunman opened fire. The occupants in the car were able to drive to Central Square. Lauture died from multiple gunshot wounds. The other man in the vehicle survived. This case remains open.

On June 3rd, 2012, **Charlene Holmes**, 16, of Cambridge was shot while sitting on a porch on Willow Street. She later succumbed to her wounds at the hospital. The investigation into this incident remains active, but no arrests have been made to date.



June 3, 2012, Willow St

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RAPE

No Patterns

Percent Change*

Last 4 Weeks

Previous Year

5 Year Average

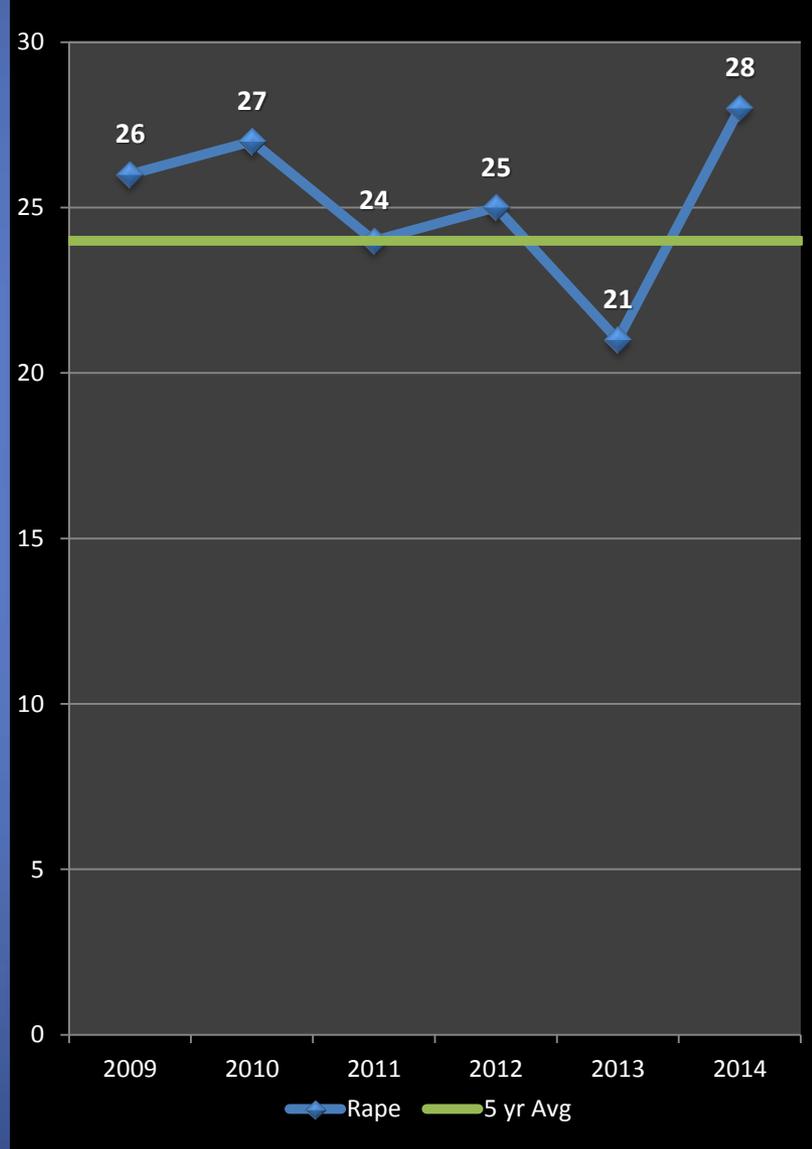
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+33%

+17%

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- The violent index crime of Rape has increased from 21 incidents in the first ten months of 2013 to 28 reported sexual assaults over the same time frame for 2014.
- There has been one stranger rape in Cambridge so far in 2014 and it involved an attempted sexual assault near Richdale Ave on April 16th.
- The four rapes that were reported in Cambridge during October of 2014 were two acquaintance scenarios, and two contact sexual assaults.
- The following is the breakdown of Rape classifications in Cambridge so far in 2014: one stranger-to-stranger, thirteen involving acquaintances, six contact situations, four domestic sexual assaults, two blitz scenarios, and two incidents that are still under investigation and have yet to be classified.





ROBBERY

No Patterns

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first ten months of the year is 115 incidents. Between January and November 3rd of 2014, 66 robberies were recorded, which indicates a 37% decline below the projected total.
- There were six commercial robberies in the first five weeks of 2014. That spree stopped on February 8th, with only 19 incidents recorded over the next nine months. There was one commercial robbery during October which resulted in an arrest. This incident was part of an emerging trend of incidents involving shopliftings that escalated into violent confrontations. Arrests have been made in 13 of the 25 commercial robberies so far in 2014.
- Street robberies declined 21% in Cambridge in 2013 to the lowest total in 40 years and that unflinching slide has continued over the first ten months of 2014, with an remarkable decrease of 49% recorded when compared with last year's total for the same time period. The total of 41 street robberies through October of this year is an exceptionally low number for Cambridge. Reference the chart on the right and compare this year with 2009 when there were 131 street robberies in Cambridge between January and the end of October.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

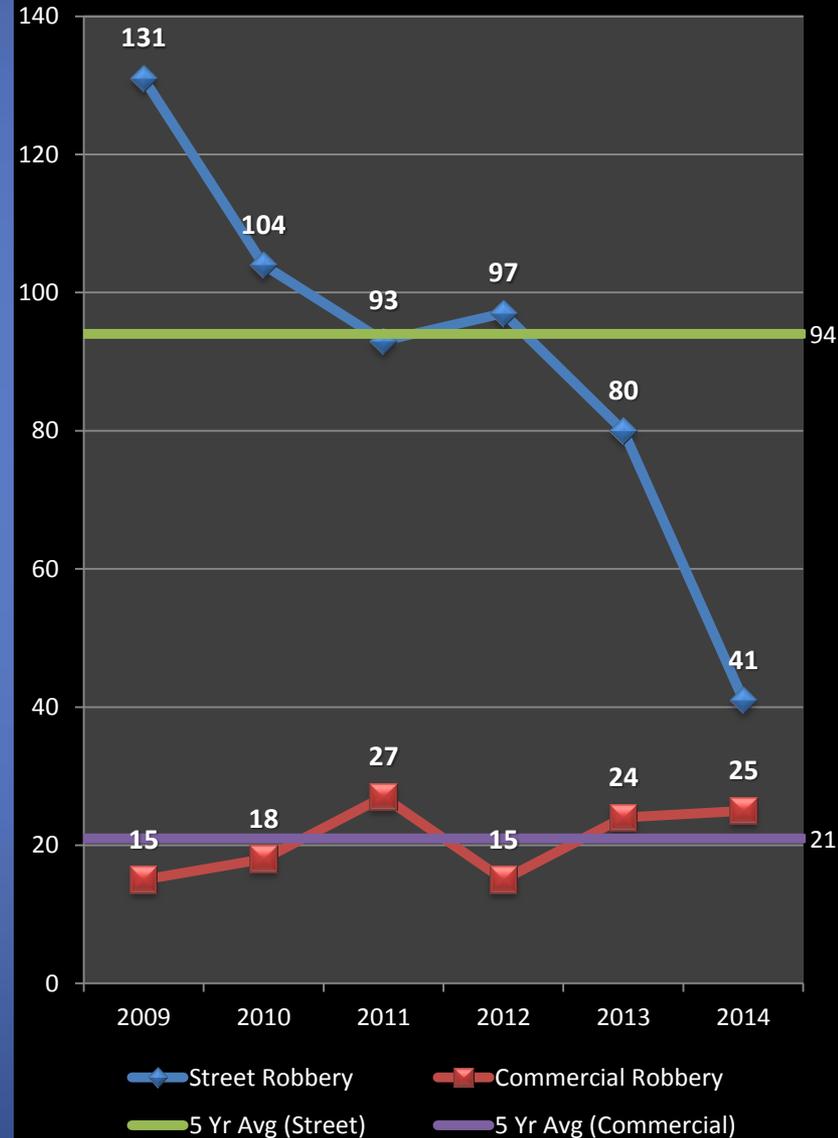
Previous Year

5 Year Average

-73%

-37%

-43%

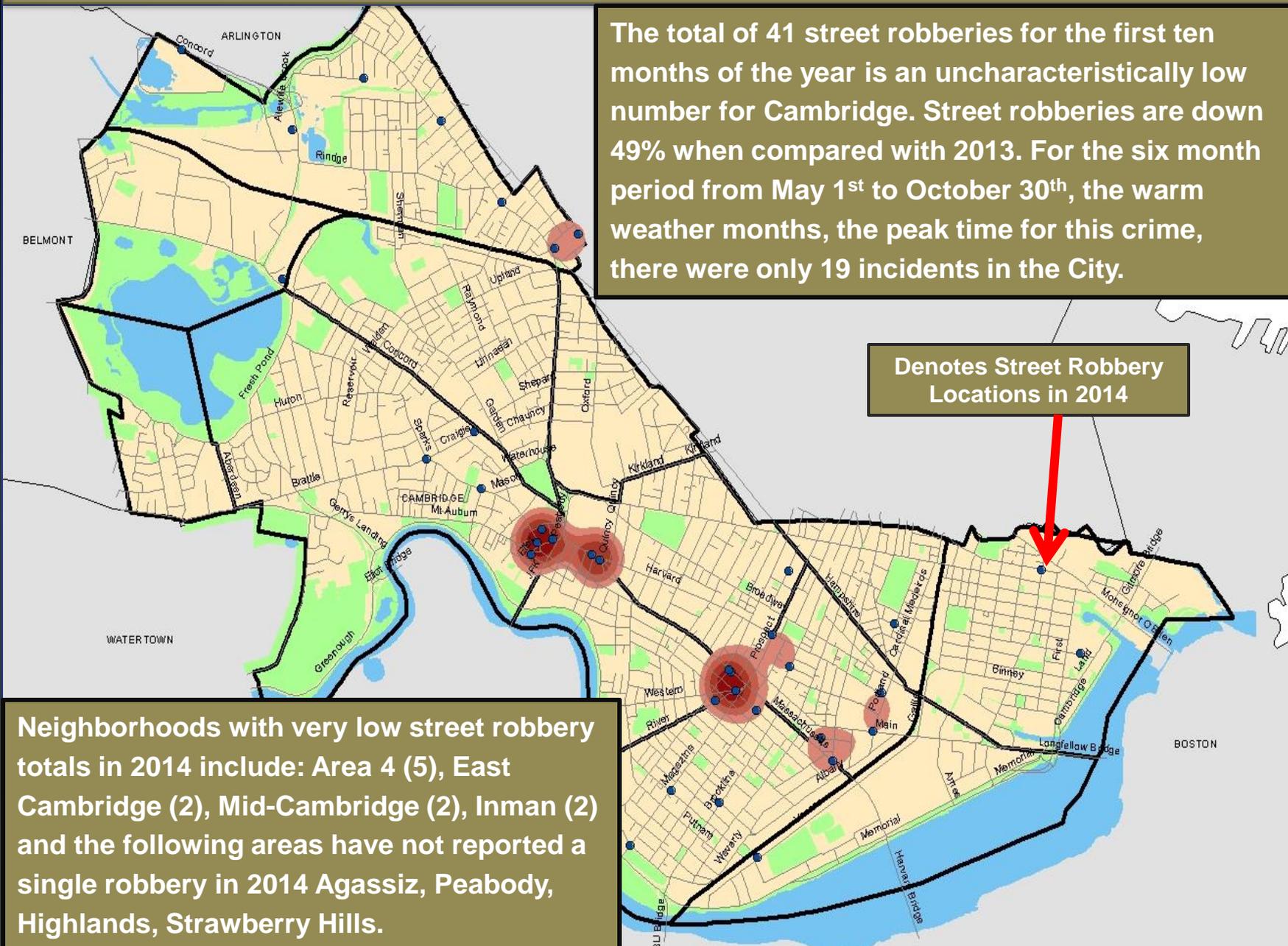




Street Robberies: 1.1.14 to 11.3.14

The total of 41 street robberies for the first ten months of the year is an uncharacteristically low number for Cambridge. Street robberies are down 49% when compared with 2013. For the six month period from May 1st to October 30th, the warm weather months, the peak time for this crime, there were only 19 incidents in the City.

Denotes Street Robbery Locations in 2014



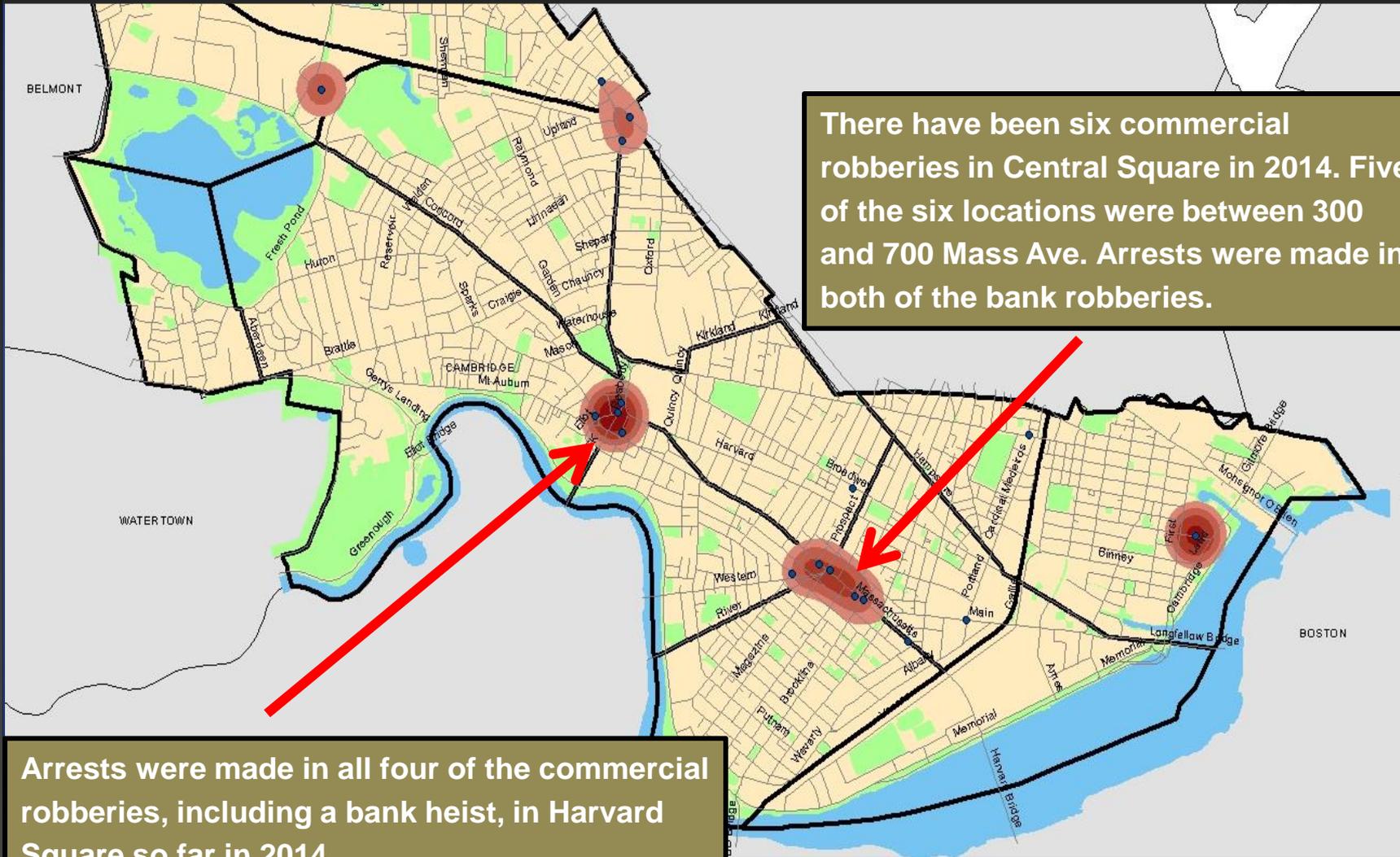
Nearby neighborhoods with very low street robbery totals in 2014 include: Area 4 (5), East Cambridge (2), Mid-Cambridge (2), Inman (2) and the following areas have not reported a single robbery in 2014 Agassiz, Peabody, Highlands, Strawberry Hills.



Commercial Robberies: 1.1.14 to 11.3.14

There were six commercial robberies in the first five weeks of 2014. That spree stopped on February 8th, with only 19 incidents recorded over the next 8 months. Arrests have been made in 13 of the 25 commercial robberies.

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There have been six commercial robberies in Central Square in 2014. Five of the six locations were between 300 and 700 Mass Ave. Arrests were made in both of the bank robberies.

Arrests were made in all four of the commercial robberies, including a bank heist, in Harvard Square so far in 2014.

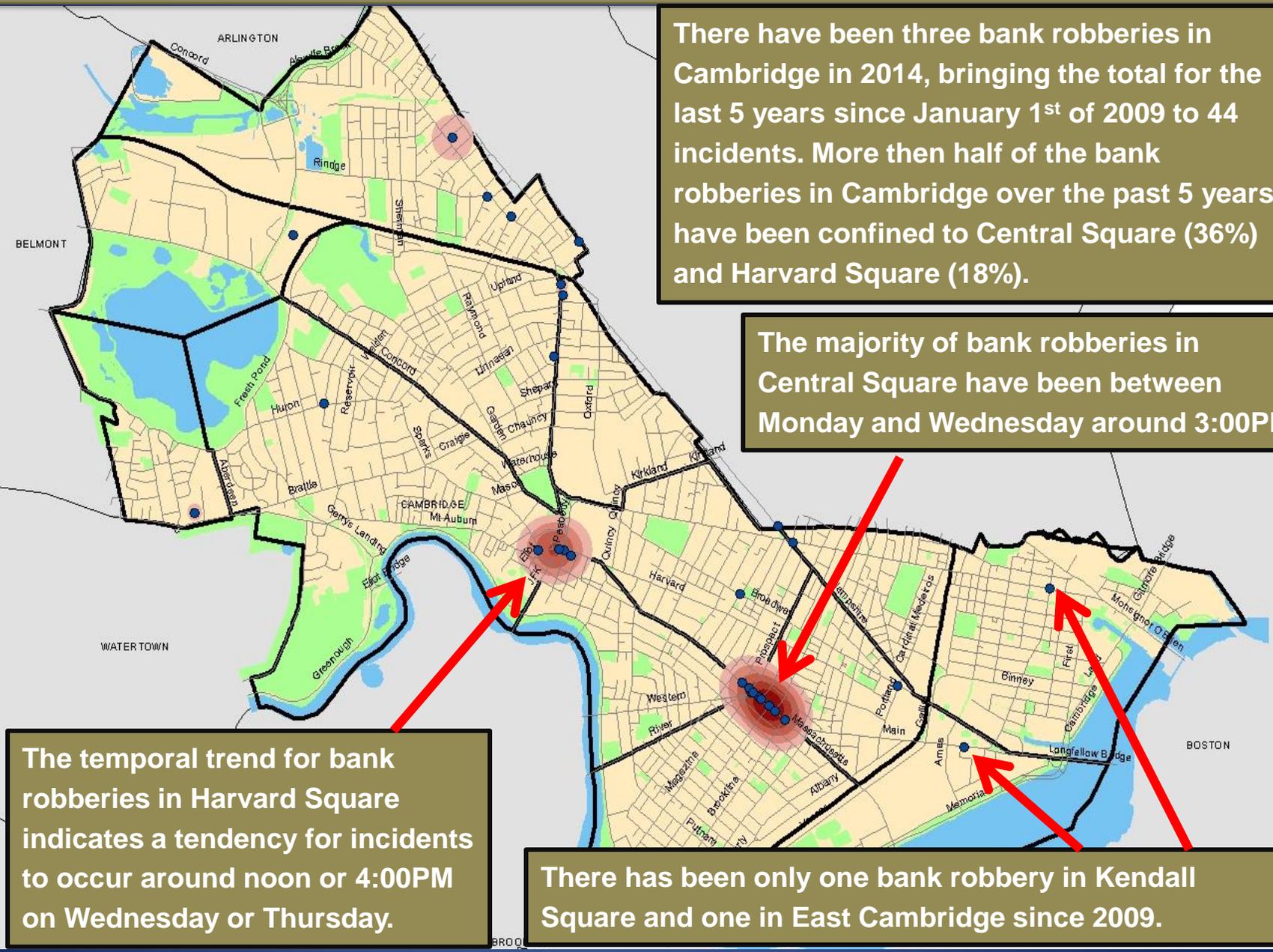


Bank Robberies in Cambridge: 1.1.09 to 11.3.14

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There have been three bank robberies in Cambridge in 2014, bringing the total for the last 5 years since January 1st of 2009 to 44 incidents. More than half of the bank robberies in Cambridge over the past 5 years have been confined to Central Square (36%) and Harvard Square (18%).

The majority of bank robberies in Central Square have been between Monday and Wednesday around 3:00PM



The temporal trend for bank robberies in Harvard Square indicates a tendency for incidents to occur around noon or 4:00PM on Wednesday or Thursday.

There has been only one bank robbery in Kendall Square and one in East Cambridge since 2009.



AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

-21%

Previous Year

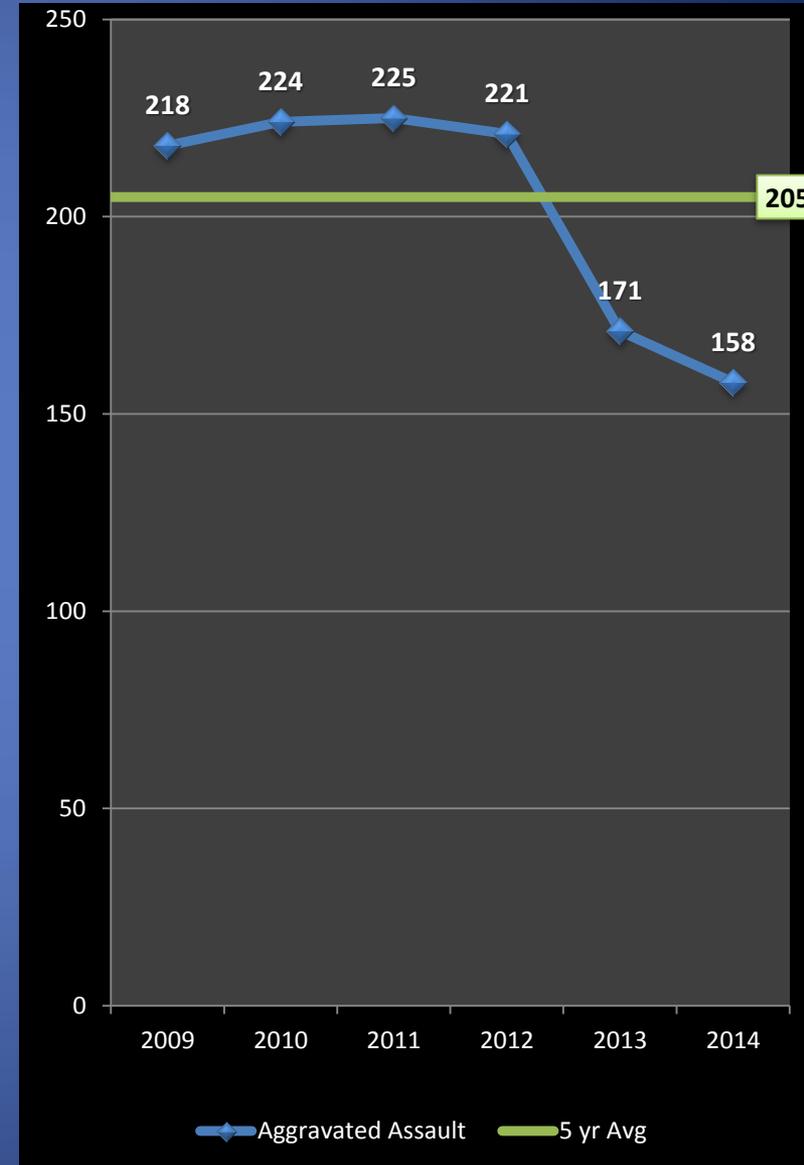
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5 Year Average

-23%

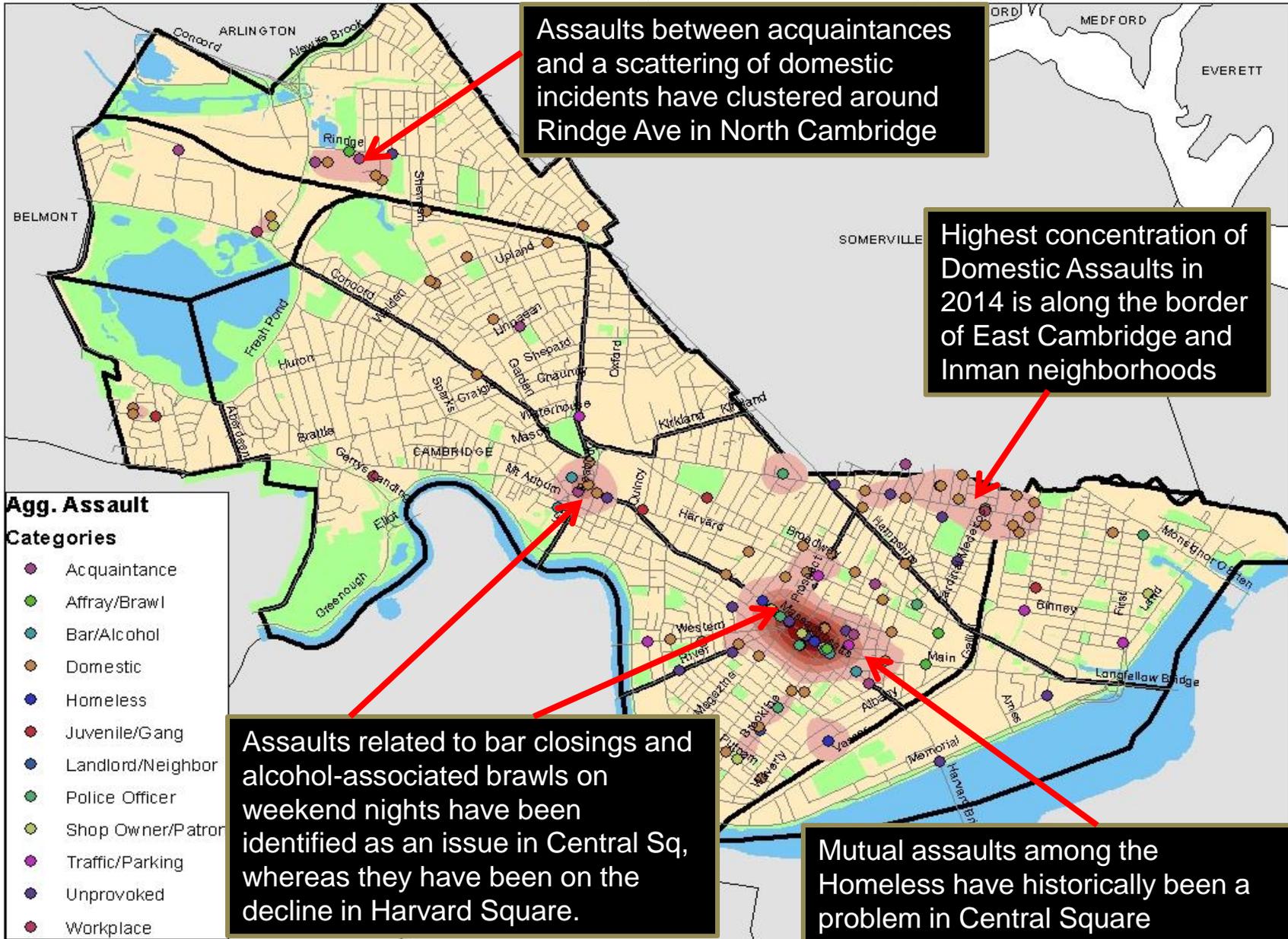
- When compared with the first ten months of 2013, aggravated assaults reported an 8% drop with 13 fewer crimes counted for the same time period in 2014. When measuring this violent index crime against the five-year average for the time period between January and the 3rd of November, there has been a reduction of 23%, with 47 fewer crimes below the projected average of 205 aggravated assaults.
- Each year, domestic account for a high percentage, between 40 to 45 percent of all aggravated assaults. That trend continues so far in 2014 with domestic incidents counting for 40% of the total. A series of fights at the time of bar closings on weekend nights in Central Square surfaced as a problem in October.
- **Classification Breakdown for 2014**

Type	Number	% of Total
Domestic	64	41%
Unprovoked	26	16%
Alcohol /Bar	23	15%
Homeless	16	10%
Road Rage	15	9%
A&B on Police	14	9%





Aggravated Assault in Cambridge by Category: 1.1.14 to 11.3.14





Burglary

Identified Patterns

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has fallen 40% when compared to the five-year average, with 154 fewer incidents than the projected total of 389 breaks, and is down 30% when compared with last year's total for the first ten months of the year, with 100 fewer burglaries reported.
- There has been a 16% reduction in commercial burglary over the first ten months of 2014. When measured against the five-year average, a 32% decline is revealed with 20 fewer incidents than the 63 projected for the period between January and the end of October. There has not been a commercial burglary pattern identified yet in 2014.
- Analysis of housebreak activity in Cambridge for the first ten months of 2014 points to a 32% decline(92 fewer breaks) below 2013 and a 41% decline below the five-year projected average of 326 housebreaks.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

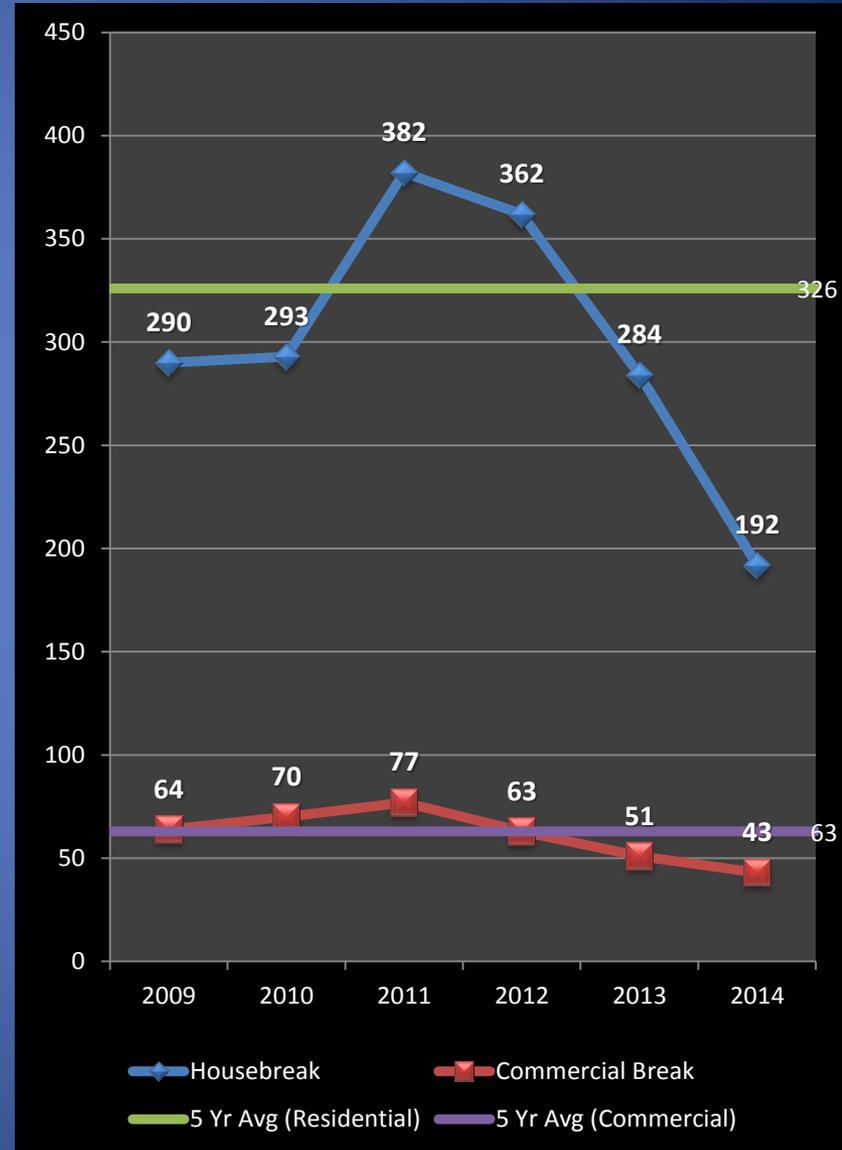
Previous Year

5 Year Average

+44%

-30%

-40%

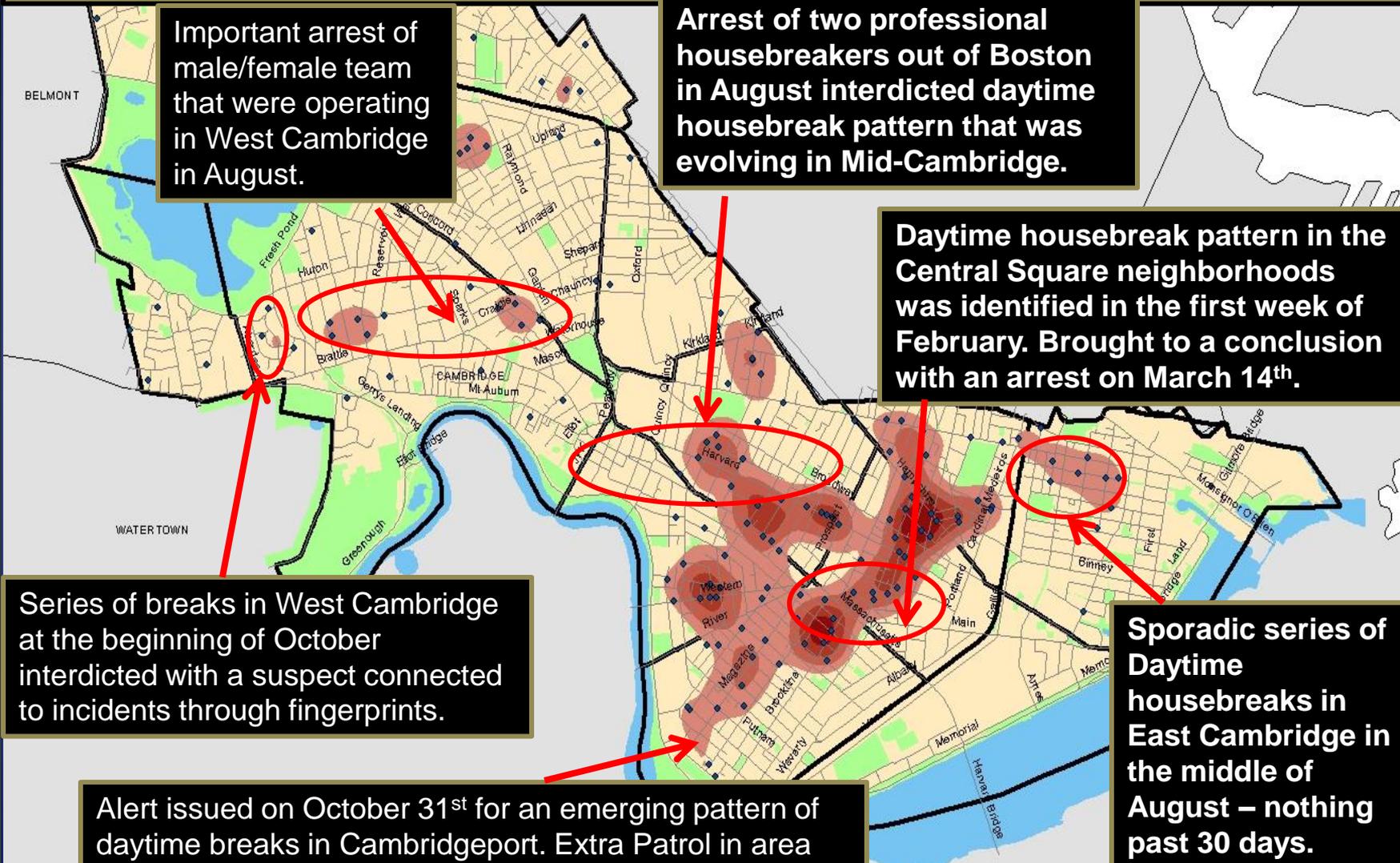




Housebreaks: 1.1.14 to 11.3.14

Analysis of housebreak activity in Cambridge for the first ten months of 2014 points to a 32% reduction (92 fewer breaks) below 2013. The Crime Analysis Unit is projecting a historic 50-year low total for this crime in 2014.

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Important arrest of male/female team that were operating in West Cambridge in August.

Arrest of two professional housebreakers out of Boston in August interdicted daytime housebreak pattern that was evolving in Mid-Cambridge.

Daytime housebreak pattern in the Central Square neighborhoods was identified in the first week of February. Brought to a conclusion with an arrest on March 14th.

Series of breaks in West Cambridge at the beginning of October interdicted with a suspect connected to incidents through fingerprints.

Alert issued on October 31st for an emerging pattern of daytime breaks in Cambridgeport. Extra Patrol in area

Sporadic series of Daytime housebreaks in East Cambridge in the middle of August – nothing past 30 days.

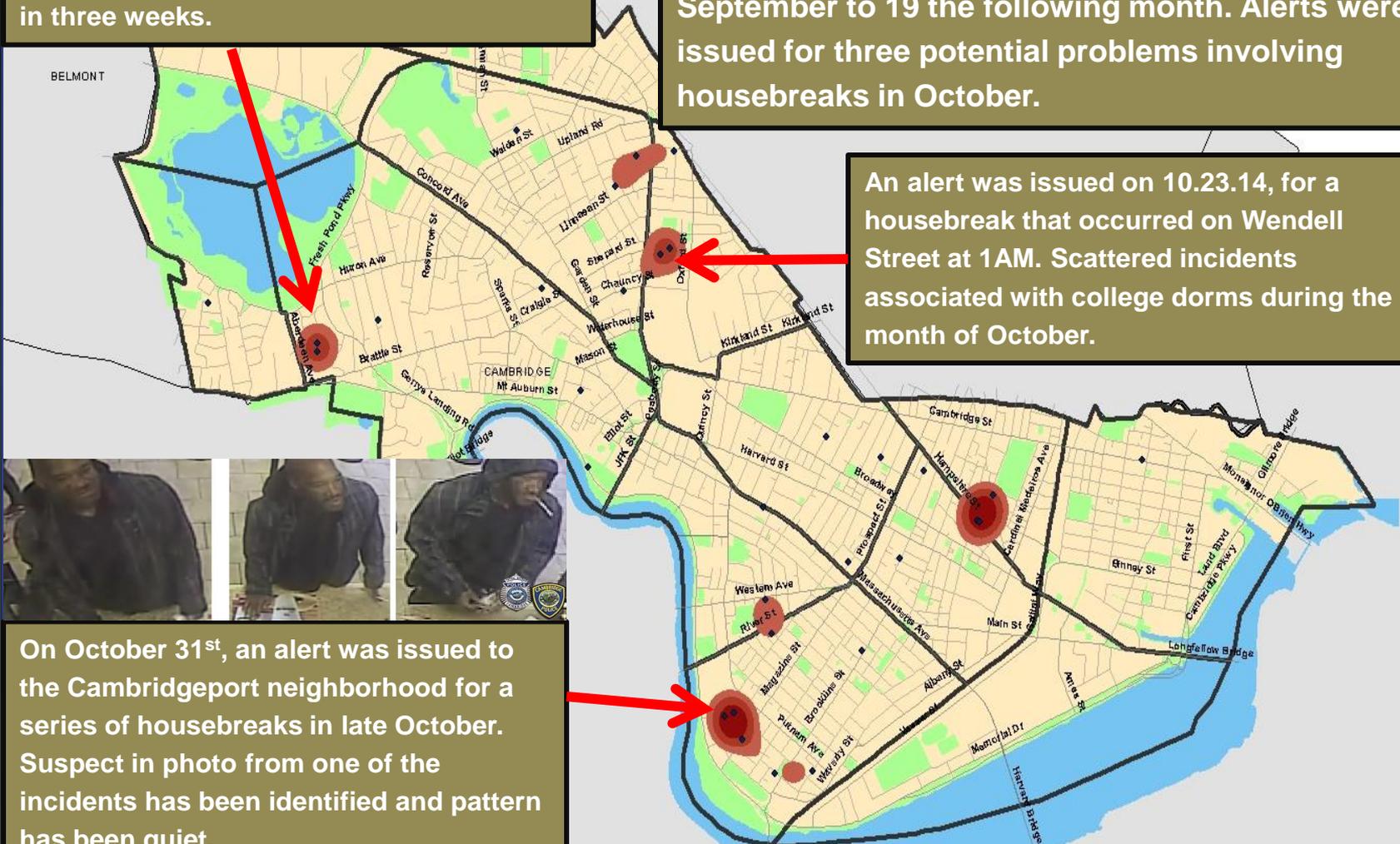


Housebreaks: 9.1.14 to 11.3.14

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A series of nighttime housebreaks in West Cambridge in early October appears to have been eradicated with the identification of a suspect for an incident in the Larches. Nothing new reported in West Cambridge in three weeks.

Cambridge will be recording a 50-year low in Housebreaks in 2014. Despite that fact, sporadic patterns, series and trends are constantly emerging in the City. Housebreaks rose from 14 incidents in September to 19 the following month. Alerts were issued for three potential problems involving housebreaks in October.



An alert was issued on 10.23.14, for a housebreak that occurred on Wendell Street at 1AM. Scattered incidents associated with college dorms during the month of October.



On October 31st, an alert was issued to the Cambridgeport neighborhood for a series of housebreaks in late October. Suspect in photo from one of the incidents has been identified and pattern has been quiet.

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LARCENY

Continuing Patterns

- **Overall larceny through the first ten months of 2014 has been reduced by 13%** when compared with the same time frame in 2013 and is 14% below the five-year weighted average.
- **Larcenies from motor vehicles in 2014 have decreased by 138 crimes, or 25%, from the number reported during the first ten months of last year.** LMVs increased 22% (12 incidents) from September to October of this year. An overnight spree in a parking garage on Museum Way accounted for 16 of these incidents.
- **We continue to see a substantial decline in larcenies from persons. This crime through the first ten months of 2014 is 35% (102 incidents) below the level reported during this time frame in 2013.** Over the past four weeks, incidents increased by five incidents from the previous four weeks. Central Sq and Harvard Sq both saw 8 incidents each accounting for 70% of reports in October.
- **There have been 304 larcenies from buildings reported through October of 2014.** This is 7% below the number reported in 2013 and 6% below the five-year average. The top categories in October of this crime type are: Unattended at a bar/social event, school thefts, and from a store counter.
- **Larcenies from residences are one of the few crimes to see an increase this year. This crime type has risen 19%** when compared to last year, due largely to an increase in package thefts from residences as this is accounting for 43% of all larcenies from residences. It is expected to increase with the holiday season quickly approaching. In late September, a homeless male was arrested for stealing a package from a porch on Green St.
- Thus far in 2014, there have been **305 bike thefts reported citywide**, which is 13% below the total reported during this time frame in 2013 and 9% below the five-year average. Bike thefts typically more active warm summer months, have registered as follows: 61 in June, 50 in July, 48 in August, down slightly to 41 in September and dropping significantly in October to 25.

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

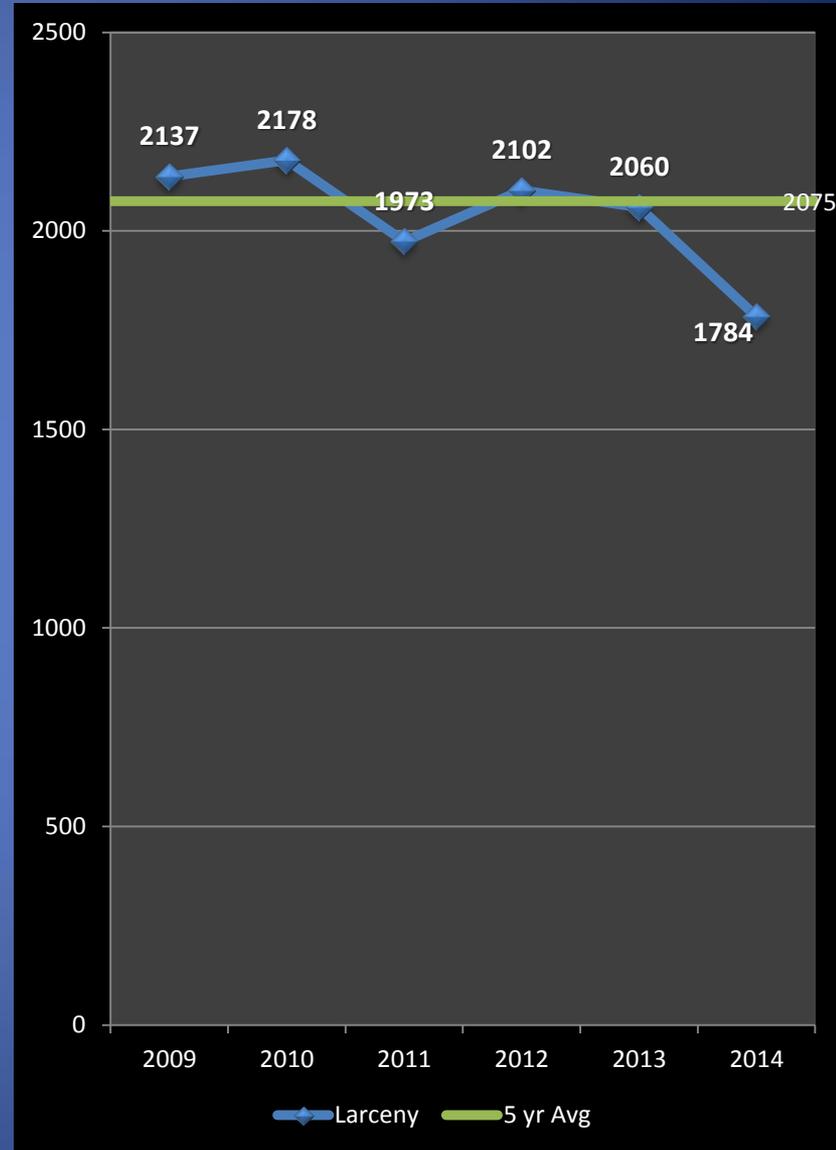
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Previous Year

-13%

5 Year Average

-14%





LARCENY: *From MVs*

Emerging Pattern

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

+22%

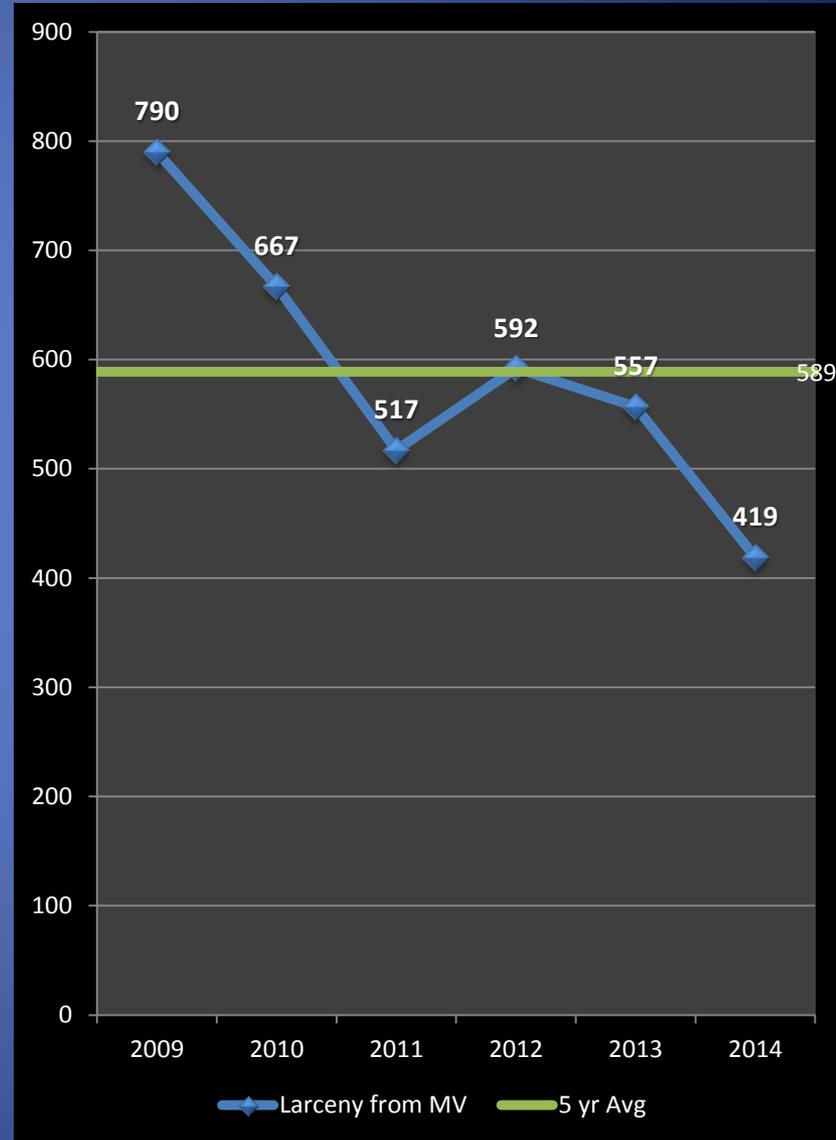
Previous Year

-25%

5 Year Average

-29%

- Larcenies from MVs have declined 25% through the first ten months of 2014 when compared with the same time frame in 2013. There have been 138 fewer thefts reported so far this year. This crime has also dropped 29% when measured against the five-year average, with 170 fewer incidents than the projected total of 589 thefts.
- When comparing the last four weeks to the previous four weeks, this property index crime jumped up by 22% with twelve additional thefts reported.
- The major larceny from motor vehicle pattern for the summer of 2014 was identified during the third week of August. Over a 10-day period, there had been 16 reported motor vehicle breaks in and around the Peabody neighborhood. This pattern was interdicted in mid September when two arrests were made of a homeless subject and a Somerville resident.
- An Everett resident was arrested on September 16th for breaking into a vehicle on Brattle Street. With links to property in his possession and other incidents in area, he was connected to a series of breaks on the periphery of Harvard Square and into the West Cambridge neighborhood.





Larceny from MVs: 9.1.14 to 11.3.14

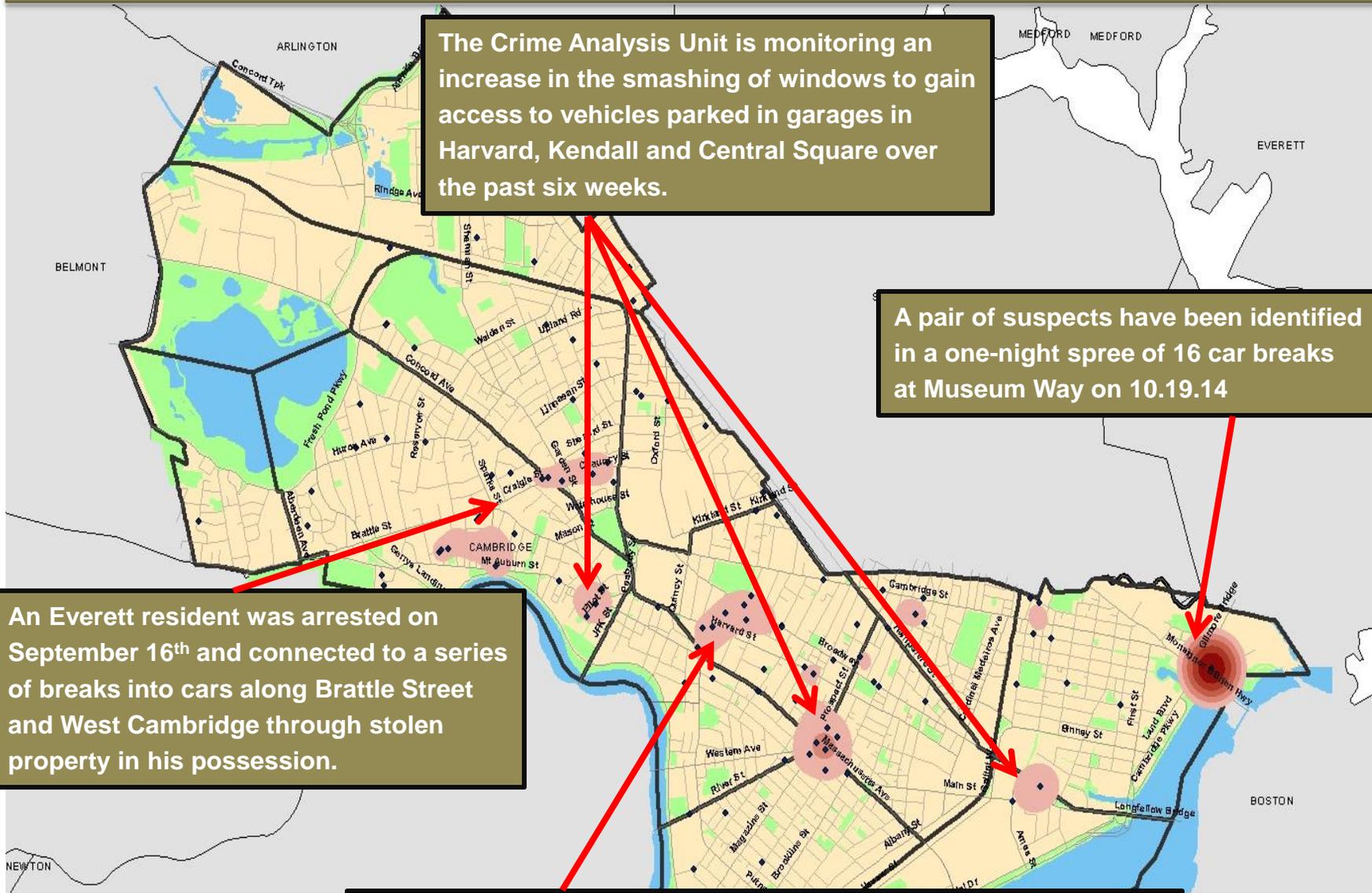
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The Crime Analysis Unit is monitoring an increase in the smashing of windows to gain access to vehicles parked in garages in Harvard, Kendall and Central Square over the past six weeks.

A pair of suspects have been identified in a one-night spree of 16 car breaks at Museum Way on 10.19.14

An Everett resident was arrested on September 16th and connected to a series of breaks into cars along Brattle Street and West Cambridge through stolen property in his possession.

After the release of two known offenders who specialize in thefts from cars in early October - there is a sudden increase in this type of activity where they have been arrested in the past.





Larceny from Motor Vehicles

What can we do?

Police Response Strategy:

- Cambridge Police are focused on prevention of these crimes by increasing officer visibility in targeted areas.
- Citizens are encouraged to take the proper precautions to protect their vehicles and their belongings by doing everything possible to not make their vehicles easy targets.



Citizen Response Strategy:

- Citizens are asked to take the following precautions to protect themselves, their vehicles, and their belongings from theft:
 - **Make sure all of your car doors are locked when you leave your vehicle.**
 - **Take extra care when out doing your shopping.**
 - **If you are approached by a suspicious person while you are in your vehicle, sound your horn to attract attention.**
 - **NEVER LEAVE VALUABLES EXPOSED IN YOUR CAR.**
 - If you must leave packages or valuables in your car, **place them in the trunk or under a blanket to conceal them**
- Visit our website for more tips to keep your vehicles and belongings at www.CambridgePolice.org/SafetyTips



LARCENY: *from Person*

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

+28%

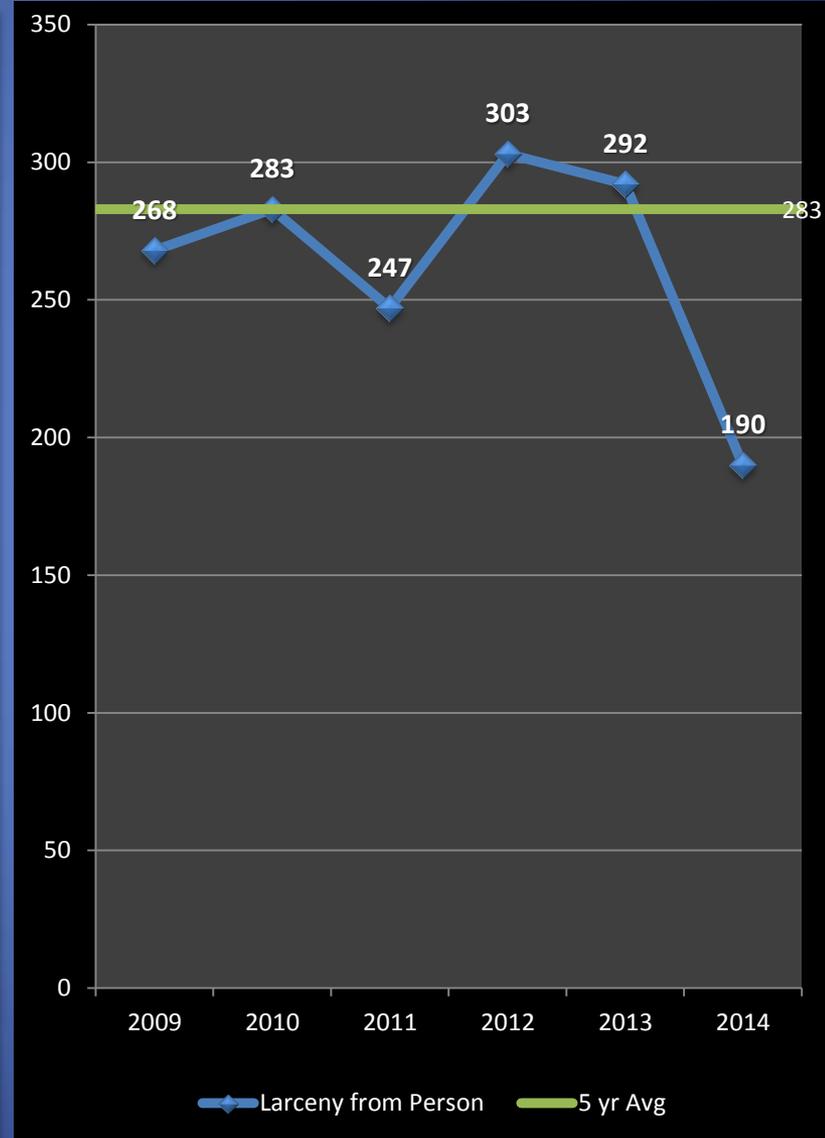
Previous Year

-35%

5 Year Average

-33%

- **Larcenies from the person have declined an astonishing 102 incidents (35%) for the first ten months of 2014** when compared with the same time frame for last year. The total of 190 incidents reported thus far in 2014 is 93 incidents below the five-year average of 283. There are no patterns of this crime type anywhere in the city at the present time. As expected the event –driven month of October (Octoberfest, Regatta) produced a 28% increase from the previous month.
- There was a series of grab-and-runs from patrons in Harvard Sq in mid-August, with incidents occurring from 6pm to 8pm. Teens on bikes or walking by were grabbing phones from tables or victims' hands. An arrest of one Cambridge juvenile in connection with these thefts was made during a street robbery (similar to the grab-and-run except that a knife was used to steal the item). This group of kids is believed to be responsible for at least four similar incidents in the area.
- Often, much of the larceny from person activity is reported at bars and restaurants in the Squares (known as "dipper" activity). In October, there was four incident of this nature reported in Central Sq, and three incidents in Harvard Sq.
- Part of the explanation for the large reduction may be that a number of the more prolific thieves, particularly ones that tend to target the Harvard Square area, are currently incarcerated.

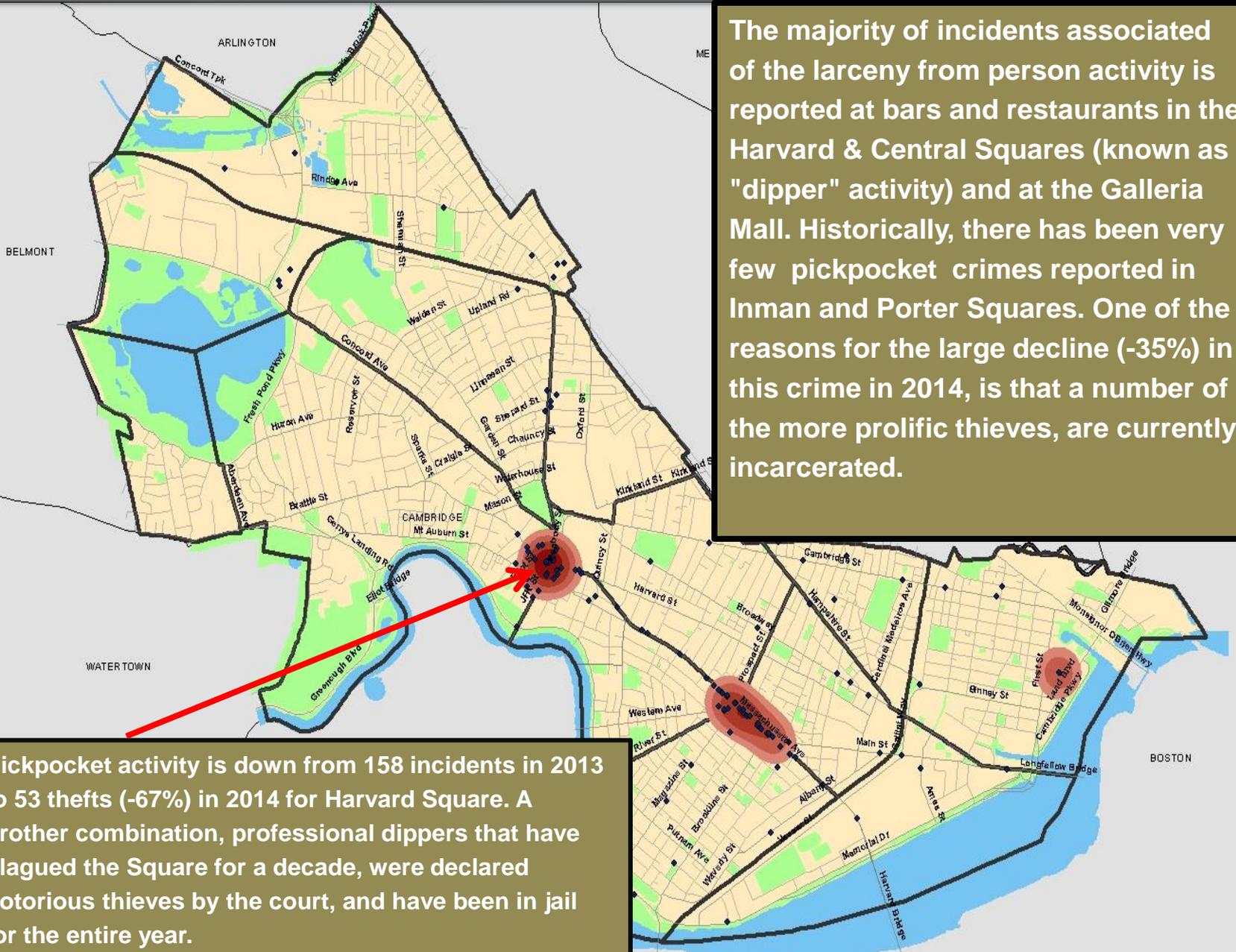




Larceny from Persons: 1.1.14 to 11.3.14

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The majority of incidents associated of the larceny from person activity is reported at bars and restaurants in the Harvard & Central Squares (known as "dipper" activity) and at the Galleria Mall. Historically, there has been very few pickpocket crimes reported in Inman and Porter Squares. One of the reasons for the large decline (-35%) in this crime in 2014, is that a number of the more prolific thieves, are currently incarcerated.

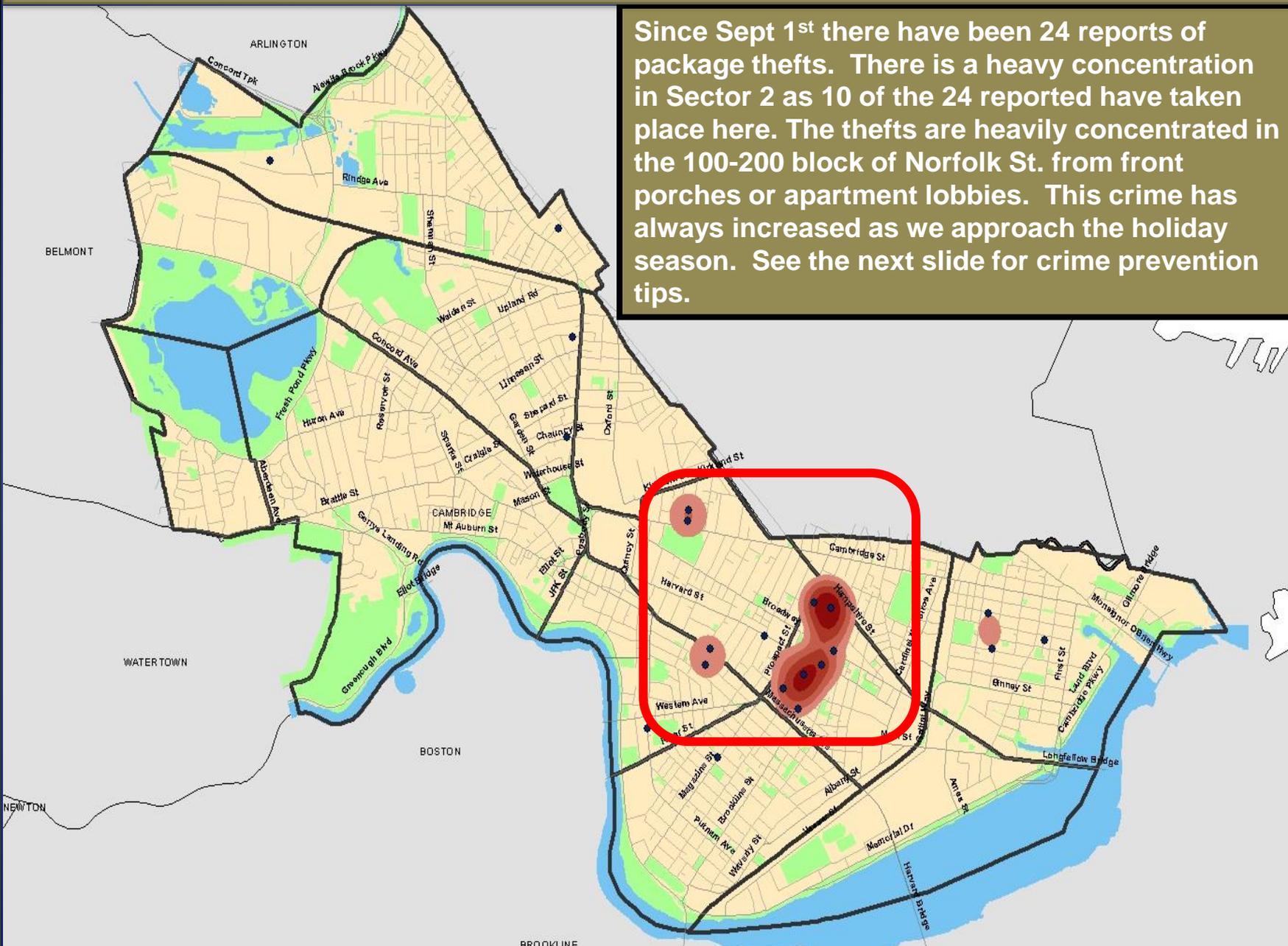
Pickpocket activity is down from 158 incidents in 2013 to 53 thefts (-67%) in 2014 for Harvard Square. A brother combination, professional dippers that have plagued the Square for a decade, were declared notorious thieves by the court, and have been in jail for the entire year.



Larceny from Residences: Package Thefts

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Since Sept 1st there have been 24 reports of package thefts. There is a heavy concentration in Sector 2 as 10 of the 24 reported have taken place here. The thefts are heavily concentrated in the 100-200 block of Norfolk St. from front porches or apartment lobbies. This crime has always increased as we approach the holiday season. See the next slide for crime prevention tips.





Shoplifting: 1.1.14 to 11.3.14

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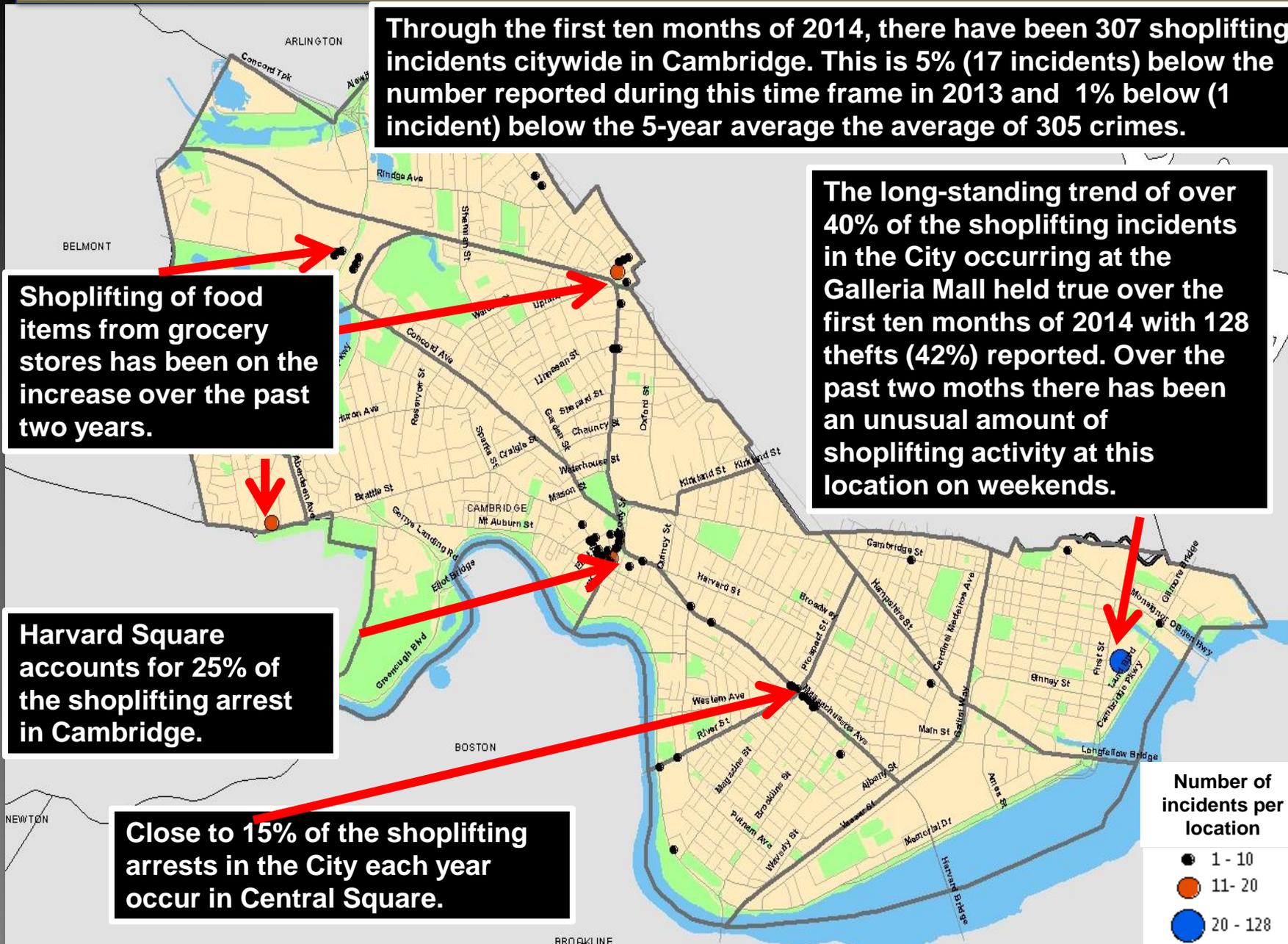
Through the first ten months of 2014, there have been 307 shoplifting incidents citywide in Cambridge. This is 5% (17 incidents) below the number reported during this time frame in 2013 and 1% below (1 incident) below the 5-year average the average of 305 crimes.

The long-standing trend of over 40% of the shoplifting incidents in the City occurring at the Galleria Mall held true over the first ten months of 2014 with 128 thefts (42%) reported. Over the past two months there has been an unusual amount of shoplifting activity at this location on weekends.

Shoplifting of food items from grocery stores has been on the increase over the past two years.

Harvard Square accounts for 25% of the shoplifting arrest in Cambridge.

Close to 15% of the shoplifting arrests in the City each year occur in Central Square.



Number of incidents per location

- 1 - 10
- 11 - 20
- 20 - 128



LARCENY: of Bicycle

No Patterns

- Through the first ten months of 2014, there have been 305 bikes reported stolen citywide in Cambridge. This is 13% (44 incidents) below the number reported during this time frame in 2013 and 9% (31 incidents) below the average.
- As would be expected, the summer months tend to see the largest number of bike thefts due to increased ridership during warmer weather. Thefts this summer have registered as follows: 61 in June, 50 in July, 48 in August, down slightly to 41 in September and dropping significantly in October to 25.
- East Cambridge, Peabody, and West Cambridge had the most bike thefts in October, each with four incidents.
- 60% of the thefts reported this year have involved bikes that were locked but left out in the open (locked to public bike racks, for example).
- No defined bike theft patterns have emerged, but two arrests were made in September: a Boston male was arrested in Harvard Sq on 9/12 and a Cambridge juvenile was arrested in Area 4 on 9/22.
- **Breakdown by Neighborhood, year-to-date:**

Neighborhood	Total	% Citywide
Mid-Cambridge	51	17%
Area 4	33	11%
Riverside	33	11%
Inman/Harrington	30	10%

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

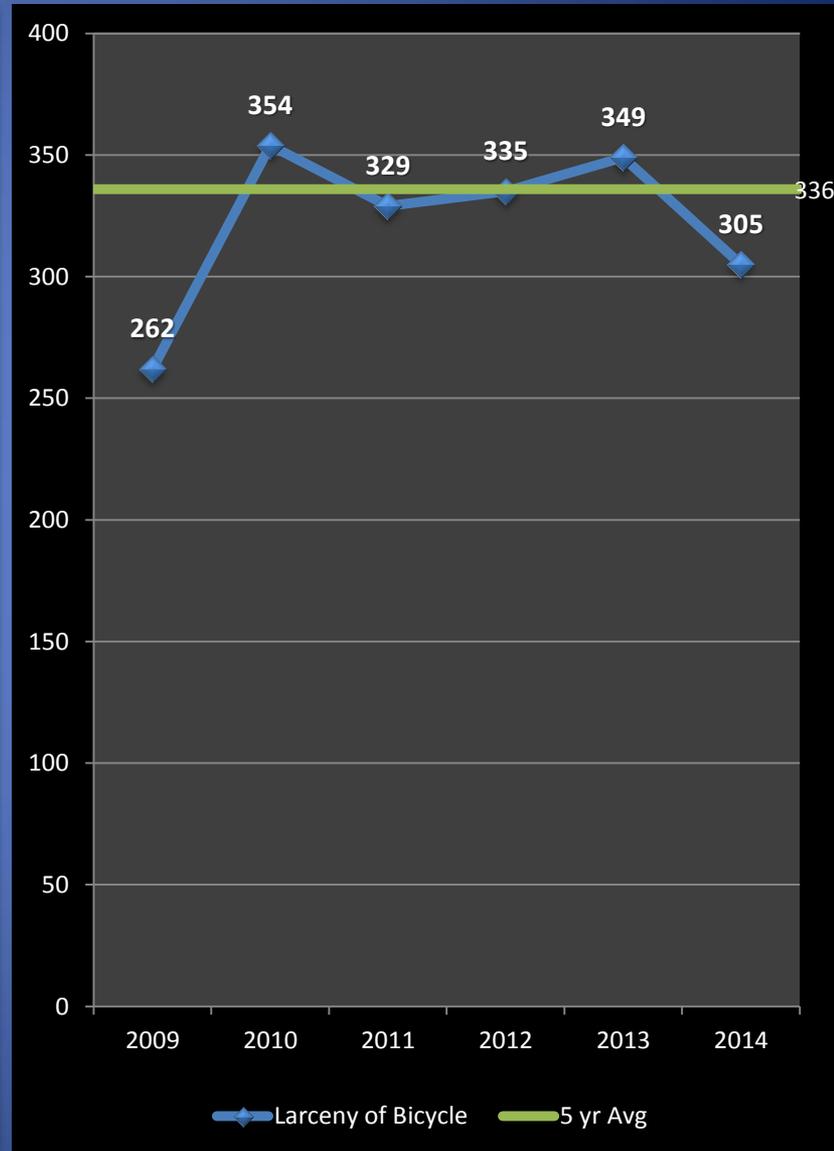
-42%

Previous Year

-13%

5 Year Average

-9%





Larceny of Bicycles:

What Can We Do?

Police Response Strategy:

- Bicyclists stopped for infractions will be reminded to use lights when biking at night, wear helmets under the age of 16, and other safety tips to promote safer biking in the city.



Citizen Response Strategy:

- Bicyclists are encouraged to record their bike's serial number as well as take a picture of their bike to provide to police in the event that it is lost or stolen.
- For information on bicycle safety, visit: www.CambridgePolice.org/CommunityResources.
 - Click on the "Bicycle Safety and Registration" link.
- Stores should be vigilant in recording serial numbers and customer information on sales.
- Universities should encourage students to register their bikes and distribute information on the correct locking procedures.



AUTO THEFT

No Patterns

Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

+18%

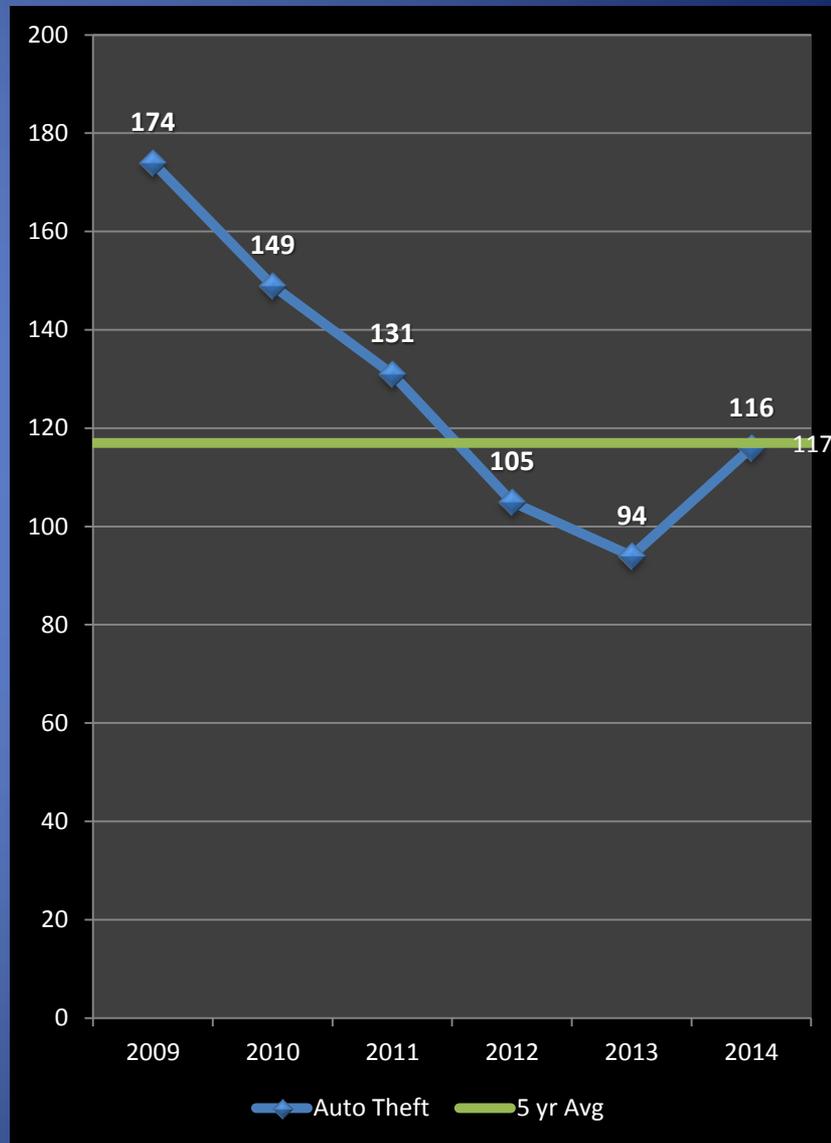
Previous Year

+23%

5 Year Average

-1%

- The projected five-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first ten months of 2014 is 117; thus far, we are 1 incidents below the average (-1%). However, with 116 thefts year-to-date, we are seeing an increase over 2013 of 27%, or 22 incidents.
- There were 13 auto thefts reported in the past four weeks, which resulted in an 18% increase over September (two more incidents). Over the course of the summer (June to August), there were 25 thefts of mopeds, scooters, or motorcycles. There were two incidents in August that resulted in the arrests of three males in connection with moped/scooter thefts. Since August this activity has tapered off which is typical for the changing of the seasons.
- Since the beginning of the year, the neighborhoods that have reported the largest number of auto thefts have been: Area 4 (21), Cambridgeport (18), East Cambridge (16), and West Cambridge (12). All other neighborhoods except Strawberry Hill have reported at least one auto theft.
- Year-to-date, 49 (or 42%) of the stolen motor vehicles have been recovered





Current Trends in Phone Scams

The following information was provided in a Citizen Alert to Cambridge residents on 10.1.14.

Phone scams are a multi-million dollar business for scammers, who mostly reside outside of the United States. With new scams popping up every day, trying to keep up with the current ones and the technology is difficult. Caller IDs may or may not show a real number, as scammers are taking to technology and using Caller ID spoofing to make their phone number appear as a legitimate number, like 911 or a police department.

The following is a list of some of the current phone scams that have recently been reported to local police departments:

- TAX MONEY OWED TO THE IRS
- FAMILY MEMBER IN AN ACCIDENT
- MICROSOFT COMPUTER ISSUE
- UTILITY COMPANY FEES (typically targets businesses)
- IMMIGRATION WARRANT OR ARREST WARRANT
- THE MYSTERIOUS TEXT MESSAGE FROM A BANK

These are just a few examples of the many phone scams being seen across the US. Once you provide a scammer with a pre-paid money card number, the chance of you recovering the money is very slim. If you have doubts about a phone call you received, contact the company or organization who “allegedly” called. If you receive any calls mentioned in this article (or anything suspicious), please hang up and contact the Cambridge Police (617-349-3300).



Help Prevent Crime

And keep yourself informed!

To receive information from the CPD:

- Sign up with for the **Cambridge Alert Network**, to receive alerts about emerging crime patterns, neighborhood meetings, and crime prevention tips, by visiting www.CambridgeMa.gov/AlertNetwork.
- “Like” the Cambridge Police Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice
- Follow [@CambridgePolice](https://twitter.com/CambridgePolice) on Twitter.
- Visit our website at www.CambridgePolice.org for valuable information and reports including the Daily Log and BridgeStat, which is published on the first Friday of every month.
- Download our new “MyPD” smartphone app at www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD.

To Share Information with the CPD:

- Call our Non-Emergency Telephone Number at **617-349-3300**.
 - Every call for service generates a police response, so help drive our resources by reporting things that seem suspicious or out of the ordinary.
- Send an Anonymous TEXT-A-TIP:
 - Send an ANONYMOUS text message to **Tip411 (847411)**. Begin your message with Tip650 and then type your message. You will receive a response from the Cambridge Police with the option to continue communicating. Please remember that this is not a replacement for 9-1-1. **If you witness an emergency situation, please call 9-1-1 immediately.**
- Send an Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail at www.CambridgePolice.org/Tips